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WOOLEN MILLS BURNED.

Clarksville, Tenn., April 6.—The extensive woolen mills of the Powers Mills company, situated near Clarksville, in this county, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning, together with the machinery, the storage and dye houses, boiler room and most of the stock. The fire started in the boiler room, and had gained great headway when discovered. The loss is \$100,000, insurance \$50,000.

**STOLE A WHOLE LOAD.**

Thieves yesterday visited one of the Illinois Central's Cars.

One of the boldest thefts that has occurred in some time took place yesterday morning.

A thief drove up to some coal cars near the Illinois Coal company's yard at Ninth and Tenth streets and carted off a whole load.

Haggardmaster Flowers saw them, but did not know they were stealing until the next morning, when it was told of it.

It is believed that they were the same thieves who stole several hundred pounds of meat at Mr. E. H. Brown's grocery a short distance away.

Don't forget the beautiful life of Easter novelties at Nosh's Ark. Bizarre Figures, Eggs and everything in the Easter line that one can imagine.

Meetings will continue every night this week, at least, at Windsor hall on South Third street. The subject for tonight will be one of the most interesting lines of prophecy in the book of Daniel. All who are interested in Bible study, and of course, everybody ought to be, should attend these meetings.

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DRUGGISTS

## 100 LIVES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST.

Though Conservative Estimates Place the Total Loss of Life by the Flood Much Higher.

AMPLE SUPPLIES SENT TO THE FLOOD SUFFERERS.

A Partial List of the Dead—Many Bodies of the Lost Will Never Be Found.

The latest news from Shawneetown shows that the loss of life fortunately has been overestimated. It is not thought that the list of dead will be over fifty, though many yet claim that it will exceed 100. Some who have been given up for dead have been found. The property loss, however, has not been at all overestimated. The town is yet submerged and but little can be done except look after the sufferers.

HISTORY OF SHAWNEETOWN.

Shawneetown is one of the most historic villages along the Ohio river. It is also one of the oldest towns in Illinois. It was settled in the early days by a party of adventurers and traders who liked the location because of the easy landing afforded for their boats. Legend says De Soto and his followers spent some time near the village.

In 1818 Shawneetown was incorporated and became a city. The first Masonic lodge in the state of Illinois was organized at Shawneetown.

The town was a place of wealth and refinement. Protected on three sides by levees and on the other by hills, Shawneetown was an ideal river village. The river made the town thriving and prosperous and more business was done there in the early steamboat days than in places of more pretentious size. In 1854 the first railroad was built, the tracks being run around the city on top of the levee. Shawneetown had been promised a railroad several years before and in anticipation of the event built a large brick depot, the first to be constructed in the state. The old depot still stands and is used as a warehouse.

Shawneetown also had the distinction of having the first brick bank building in the state.

Many distinguished men started in life from the little village surrounded by levees and hills. It was there that Abraham Lincoln studied law and also practiced. He spent several years of his life in the thriving little town and frequently paid visits to his friends there after he entered public life.

In 1815 Lafayette honored the village by a visit and was so impressed with the open and cordial hospitality of its inhabitants that he spent several days with them.

Shawneetown was always noted for the beauty of its women. Its fame extended far and wide and in the early days a girl's best recommendation to the society of distant towns was the mere announcement that she came from Shawneetown.

Gen. John Logan became an ensign of the beauty and wit of a Shawneetown woman that he spent all his time in the village until he induced her to become Mrs. Logan.

Stephen A. Douglas was born a short distance from the town and practiced law there a number of years.

Robert Rogers was a resident of Shawneetown and like John Logan, found his wife there.

Gen. Mike Lawler, the veteran of two wars, was born and raised in the little village. After the Mexican war where he received the title of "Colonel for personal bravery," he lived at Shawneetown until the breaking out of the civil war, when he entered the army as a general.

Mrs. Hall, a daughter of the general, still lives in the family home-stand.

Some heroic rescues out of a long list are to be chronicled.

Lloyd Rowan is a white-haired hero. He is 80 years old.

He alone, with the aid of a skiff, which he had taken from its owner's lock, saved 17 persons from drowning. He paddled through the streets when the water's depth was three feet and caught them clinging to trees or floating timbers, and standing on house-tops.

Maurice Calhoun and Mark Robinson saved many lives, but by one of the tragic rulings of fate Calhoun was not allowed to save his own father's life, though he was hardly a hundred feet away when he saw him drown. Calhoun, Sr., was 70 years old and very feeble, was making his way as best he could to the school house at Locust and Plum streets north. The old gentleman was knocked off his feet twice by the terrific force of the fast rising waters, and arose both times to struggle onward. The third time the waters overcame him and he lost his footing to be covered up. His body has not been found, though it is thought to be within a dozen yards of the school house door.

The death of Col. Calhoun, for he served in the federal army with distinction, presents another tragic episode.

The old man had not been a pensioner long. A few weeks ago he made application to have his monthly allowance increased to \$20. The answer came Saturday to the agent who made Col. Calhoun's application and he would have given him the glad news of an increased pension yesterday morning. But the mad waters had taken another pensioner from the country's ranks.

The heroism of Charles Bowles must be noted. When the flood came he climbed with an invalid mother from the second story of his house to a tree not far away and there lodged, holding his sick mother above him for more than two hours till he came.

Another rescue similar is reported. A woman in a house not a hundred yards from the levee clinging to a tree top for safety and was in imminent danger of drowning. To rescue her with a skiff manned with oars was out of the question, for the swift current of the river through the break would carry the strongest craft beyond control of the pilot. Several men on the levee above broke underfoot to rescue the woman by letting the swift current carry a skiff to the tree, controlling it from the shore with a rope. The plan succeeded and skillful handling of the rope the skiff was brought out of reach of the current and the woman in the skiff brought to shore.

An unknown girl was drowned almost at the spot where the heroic rescue occurred. She floated along in the current clinging to a tree. The floating tree struck an obstruction and the girl's hold was shaken. She sank.

Another instance of the remarkable force of the current, flowing in from the levee is that of a wagon overturned in the western part of the city. The driver was unaware of the coming flood and it caught his wagon and horse, turning them over and down an embankment ten feet high.

The story that the break in the levee was caused by a muskrat is without foundation. The break occurred where a dike had been made last summer in the strengthening of the levee and the dirt of the dike not being solid, was washed away easily.

SHAWNEETOWN TODAY.

The scene in Shawneetown is worse than 1881, or in 1884, when there was much suffering and loss of property, but no lives were lost. Every store in town is full of water, and no provisions can be had, only as they are sent from surrounding towns. Relief committees are doing all in their power to provide for the wants of horror-stricken people. Clothing and provisions are being sent in in every conceivable way—on trains, boats and skiffs. Aides and dignitaries. The provisions are cooked, ready to be served on arrival, as there is but little, if any, chance to do any cooking. Stoves and kitchen utensils being practically all under water, and fuel a scarce article.

The levee is in a precarious condition, as it is being undermined in several places. It is thought by conservative people that the loss of life will reach fully 100. More than 100 alone are missing and unaccounted for, while it is known that forty-five or fifty of the missing have perished.

The property lost, to say nothing of the damage to the levee and crops, will reach over \$500,000. Property in two blocks on both sides of Locust street is utterly ruined, and the damage to goods is enormous.

Shawneetown lies on the concave side of a curve of the Ohio. Just opposite is a low bluff. The water when the river is at flood stage

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## NO MESSAGE UNTIL MONDAY.

It Is Delayed in Order to Protect Consul-General Lee.

The President Holding His Message Until Lee and All Americans Are at a Safe Distance from Cuba.

REPUBLICANS REBELLIOUS OVER PRESIDENT'S DELAY.

Message Looked For at Three O'Clock and Expected to Precipitate a Declaration of War.

THE SPANISH CABINET DECIDES PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

Minister Woodford Ready to Leave Madrid. England Assures the United States of Her Sympathy.

WAS ALMOST A REBELLION

When the Delay of the President's Message Became Known.

GENERAL LEE MUST BE SAVED.

He Telegraphed the President That a Most Inflammatory Feeling Exists in Havana.

CONGRESS WILLING TO WAIT

Until Monday for the Message. When Lee and All Americans Will Be Safe at Home.

THE MESSAGE WILL MEAN CERTAIN WAR.

Washington, April 6.—It looks like grim war today.

Consul General Lee has been ordered to leave Havana today.

Attaches of the Spanish legation in New York today leave for Spain.

Minister Woodford is all ready to quit Madrid.

The Spanish cabinet has decided that peace is impossible.

England assures the United States of her sympathy in case of war.

The excitement is intense and war indications grow plainer as the moment.

Final arrangements are being made and orders given for offensive action by the navy as soon as war is declared.

The flying squadron is in readiness and will proceed to Porto Rico.

The squadron at Key West is in readiness to move and will attack Havana.

Final orders have been given preparatory to mobilizing the army and to concentrate troops at Atlanta.

Washington, April 6.—Buller, 2:21.—Consul General Lee writes that he cannot get all Americans away from Havana until tomorrow.

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and for that reason he cannot leave until then.

No message will be sent to congress until tomorrow.

Buller, 2:11 p. m.—Mr. Kinley will not send his message to congress before Monday. This delay is solely to protect Gen. Lee.

Washington, April 6.—This has been a day of tremendous excitement in this city. Thousands of people failed to get place in the galleries of either of the houses, which early filled with persons anxious to hear the President's message.

The message was due at noon, but was early announced that it would not be sent to congress before 3 o'clock and possibly not then. This announcement almost caused a revolt among the republican members of congress, who have waited patiently so long for this day.

The President's delay was understood, however, when he stated that his message would be held until all Americans who so desired, had left Havana; that Consul Lee had been ordered to leave today without fail, and that he hoped that by 3 o'clock word would be gotten that Lee and all Americans were out of Havana.

A statement of the President is taken to mean that he expects his message will be followed by war with Spain and by anti-American riots in Havana.

Washington, April 6.—2:43 p. m. Nothing but a cable from Consul General Lee stating that it would be impossible to get all Americans out of Havana today, prevented an early message from the President.

Lee's cable, however, put a new passion on the matter and congress is now perfectly willing to wait until Monday.

Lee's cablegram to the President is taken to mean that a most inflammatory feeling exists in Havana. This has caused the President's delay.

How strong the message is, can be judged from the fact that the President is holding it really to protect the life of Lee and our countrymen.

**DIPLOMATS' LAST MOVE.**

Washington, April 6.—Some of the diplomats have suggested a meeting of the representatives in Washington of the European powers in order to see if anything can be done to preserve peace.

It is felt by the diplomats who desire European mediation that any move must be made quickly, and that there is no further time for further parleys between the European capitals. It is not yet known whether anything will come of the suggestion.

**BOARD OF INQUIRY DISSOLVED.**

Washington, April 6.—The last chapter in the history of the court of inquiry, which investigated the loss of the battleship Maine, was written at the navy department yesterday in the form of a letter to Capt. Sampson commanding the North Atlantic squadron, notifying him that the department had no further instructions to give in regard to the work devolving upon the court, and withdrawing him, at his discretion, to observe the court and thus end its official existence.

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whether it was fired by Spanish authorities or not, he declined to express an opinion. He said the committee had held a test of the battery, the first of 14 guns, and of the buoy, to which the Maine was anchored, being the most vulnerable point in the harbor.

The position in which the ship was placed, he said, was such that he could have fired upon both forts at the same time.

The committee met last night to prepare the text of the resolutions to be submitted to the house. The members of the committee, from the information they have, believe war is inevitable unless Spain makes a state acknowledgment. An ultimatum is thrown out that a declaration of war will not be made just yet in any event, because Consul General Lee has called that it will require several days to get the Americans off the island.

**SPAIN WITHOUT COAL.**

Naval Authorities Think the Don't Forebode to Send Warships.

New York, April 6.—On account of the blockade, naval authorities consider Spain particularly during the month of April, a large fleet of warships into Cuban waters. In event of prolonged hostilities, Spain's entire fleet of warships will be cut off the coast, and the country will be almost helpless.

Even should they decide to defend the ports of Porto Rico and Cuba, that contain supplies, the scarcity of supplies will be a constant menace to the Spanish commanders. While coal is found in Porto Rico, the mines are not extensively worked, owing to the difficulty of transportation. Coal of a highly pyramidal character, giving a strong heat, is found in Cuba, but the activity of the insurgents prevents mining. Aided morally and physically by the country it could be stopped completely. As coal is contraband of war, the Spanish fleet will be unable to obtain coal in a neutral port. Coal from Europe has been steadily imported on vessels that carry Cuban cargoes of the products of Porto Rico, but the quantity is not believed to be any larger than is actually used on the islands, so it is not thought supplies of fuel have been provided for the warships.

As a last resort, contraband may be employed to bring coal from Spain.

**SIGSBEE'S OPINION.**

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To destroy these vessels would be the painful task of auxiliary cruisers, which can easily overhaul and sink them. If these vessels are strongly guarded by Spanish warships it means a battle at sea where the flotilla, the fond hope of Spain, will be useless.

**FRUIT SUFFERS.**

The Temperature Was Thirty-Two—Ground Frozen in Some Places.

The Crop May Not Be Killed, But Undoubtedly It Is Injured.

The present cold snap may have injured the fruit crop. In the opinion of many of the farmers it did, although there seems to be some doubt. This morning the ground was frozen, the minimum temperature in town being 32. Yesterday it was 31.

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Had congress during the past few years been far-sighted and broad enough to have spent a few more million dollars in the creation of a navy, it would not now have been necessary to have expended millions of dollars in foreign countries for warships and naval supplies as has been the case within the past few weeks. Whether the present crisis ends in war or peace the American people will have learned an expensive lesson, and that is that war is yet a possibility and that the surest way of preserving peace is to be prepared for war.

Many prayers are today ascending to Heaven in behalf of Consul-General Lee; not that there is any doubt but that he will discharge his full duty as an American citizen in this critical moment of his career—no one doubts that. But the relief that he may be delivered from the hand of the Spanish assassin and may return to his country and to his home. The most dangerous post during this whole controversy has been that filled by Consul-General Lee. He has faced the attendant dangers and has discharged the arduous duties in such a manner as to arouse the enthusiastic and patriotic admiration of a nation of patriotic freemen.

When the history of the present quarrel with Spain is written, the feature of the whole trouble that will stand out in the boldest relief will be the remarkable self-restraint exercised by seventy-five millions of Americans after the destruction of the Maine. For nearly two months the people has waited patiently that the issue of that battleship, with its precious load of American sailors, might be decided through the channels of diplomacy. Linked with the loss of the Maine was the great question of Cuban freedom. These two things appealed to every patriotic and human sentiment in an American breast, and every impulse of the loyal American demanded that the two questions be settled at once and by war if necessary. And yet in the light of the broad humanity which characterizes our American civilization this nation has restrained itself and has followed the peaceful method of diplomacy to be exhausted before resorting to war. The pages of history can be searched in vain for an-

other such example of national self-control, for another such case of the elevation of humanity as a factor in the settlement of international disputes.

## 100 LIVES KNOWN

TO HAVE BEEN LOST

strikes this bluff and is directed, at almost right angles, across the river and against the Shawneetown levee.

This dike was fifteen feet high and supposed to be able to withstand any force the turbulent river could bring against it.

But it suddenly failed, causing the awful calamity of Sunday night.

Saturday a slight weakness in the levee became apparent, at the point where the break finally occurred, and a slight force was put to work on it. The work was carried forward by the water power when the work was finished.

Shawneetown is a place of about 2,000 inhabitants. It is one of the oldest river towns in Illinois, and has frequently been flooded, but never before with such accompanying disasters.

It is a busy manufacturing place, situated in a low valley. Fifteen feet below the present crest of the Ohio river, and opposite Uniontown, Ky., which is also flooded, but is, fortunately, so situated as to prevent such a disaster as Shawneetown suffered.

Among those known to be dead or lost are the following:

Mrs. C. R. Galloway, Mary Galloway, Cora Galloway, Mrs. Charles Clayton, Milton Clayton, Jesse Clayton, Myrtle Clayton, Berne Clayton, Brownie Clayton, Mrs. Paul Pfenkel and five children, Mary Pfenkel, Washington Calliott, Mrs. Washington Calliott, Col. John Calliott, Mary McAllister, Noah Welch, Mrs. M. Leach, Elsie McLean, Mrs. Noah Welch, Frank Morrison, Ellen McAllister, Mary McAllister, Helen Randolph, Mrs. John Harvey, Mrs. Edward Fick, John Fick and an adopted daughter.

Mrs. Fred Reinhold, Caroline Spalding, Richard Fletcher, John Fletcher, colored, Mrs. Tully, Cora Sherwood, Mrs. Charles Kopt and five children, Henry King and four children, Mrs. A. A. Harth, Noah Wash and family, Mrs. Zeph Meier, Paul McAllister, Wm. Thompson, wife and three children, Mrs. E. Hartnett, Mrs. H. H. Clayton and son, Anthony Meier, Paul Pfenkel, Mrs. Welch and three children, Seven unknown, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Ed Fick, C. Reinhold, Fifty unknown in graves.

MEANS OF PROTECTING. Washington, April 6.—Senator Cullum sent a message to Chief of Engineers Willson asking that boats be sent to Shawneetown for the relief of the sufferers from the flood, and he received the following reply, showing what has been done in this respect:

Washington, April 5.—To the Hon. S. M. Cullum, United States senator: Within ten minutes after the receipt of your telegram I ordered steamers to Shawneetown from St. Louis, Memphis and Louisville if they were available. Replies from Capt. Patrick of the engineers, at Memphis, and Capt. Waterman of the engineers, at St. Louis, that the United States steamer Clazo was sent from Memphis as soon as steam could be raised, and that the United States steamer Vandavia was ordered from Cairo.

## CAUSED BY MUSKRATS.

Says the Engineer Having Charge of the Levee for Three Years.

Humphrey Devereux, of Cincinnati, assistant to the chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was the engineer in charge of the Shawneetown levee for three years. At that time Mr. Devereux was a civil engineer employed by the engineer corps of the army. In 1892, 1893 and 1894 he had charge of the levee, and superintended the work of rip-rapping and strengthening the dike.

"That levee," said Mr. Devereux, "was built in 1840, and was considered one of the safest and best in the Ohio. This is the third time, however, that the river has gone through it. The original levee was constructed by the state of Illinois, and cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. It was about four miles long and ten feet above the lowlands. It surrounded the entire town, with a considerable stretch of the lowlands, and was made of clay, the kind engineers and builders know as buckshot clay.

"In the spring of 1883 there was a flood. For some days the levee withstood the pressure of the high water, and then the structure began to weaken. The people were notified, and they moved all their possessions and took themselves to the high grounds in the town. The levee was cut and the water poured through, inundating the country for miles around. Stock was drowned, and great damage was done the town and the surrounding country, but because the people had been notified no loss of human life resulted.

"When the waters receded the levee was repaired; but the spring following there was another flood. The river rose to within a few inches of where it had been in 1883, and the levee had to go. Again the inhabitants of the town had been warned, and again they saved their personal and portable effects by taking refuge to the high back of the town, and far out of reach of the water, and the strain was again relieved by cutting the levee.

"Then the people saw the levee would have to be raised, and greatly strengthened, or they would be drowned out wherever the river got high enough to be dangerous or menacing. The matter of an appropriation was agitated, and the Illinois representative in congress worked for it. The appropriation of \$100,000 was obtained from the government, being secured by the bill for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and in 1887 the government engineers took charge of the improvement of the levee, and for two years the work was vigorously pushed. When completed the levee was considered by engineers and levee builders to be the safest one in the valleys.

The original length of four miles was not increased. That was long enough to surround the town from the upper hills to the lower hills, but the height of the embankment was raised. At 10 feet the floods of 1883 and 1884 went over the levee, so it was raised 7 feet above the top of the old levee, the bank that had stood around the town since 1840.

"It was built like a railroad embankment, with the sides sloping down. The top was wide enough to hold the ties and tracks of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad, now in the Baltimore and Ohio system. The height of the levee was increased by adding sand and flattening it down, 2 1/2 feet horizontal to 1 vertical, which increased the base and strengthened the whole levee. This was done on all but the front and half of the north levee. Here danger was greatest, so these places were riprapped.

"When I was in charge for the government from 1892 to 1894 the levee seemed impregnable, and it is difficult to see how it gave way. The disaster was probably caused by one of two things. In the center of the levee, right in front of the town, was a 30-inch drain pipe and a gate. The drain pipe ran from the town through the embankment and to the lowlands outside. Water may have seeped and leaked from the outside along this drain pipe and into the levee's base, thus weakening it and making it unable to stand the terrible pressure of the flood.

"This is a likely cause, but I think the most probable one is that the disaster was caused by the burrowing of muskrats. These pests do more damage to levees than all other things combined. They dig into the levees, and frequently cut all the way through. In the spring they mate and borrow for nests, sometimes making the interior of the levee nothing but a network of holes. Immediately in front of the Shawneetown levee there was a pond, into which this 30-inch drain pipe ran, and this pond was given over to the muskrats. In the next year the Shawneetown levee the muskrats gave us no end of trouble, and during high water the works had to be daily inspected. Walking along the inside slope of the levee, I have often seen a dozen holes within as many yards, all dug by these pests of the levees. Muskrat holes extending from the inner slope to the wet earth on the outside, probably led the water through. This little hole had widened, the levee weakened, and then the break with its appalling disaster came. The levee was carefully gone over and repaired last summer."

# Y. M. C. A. Notes.

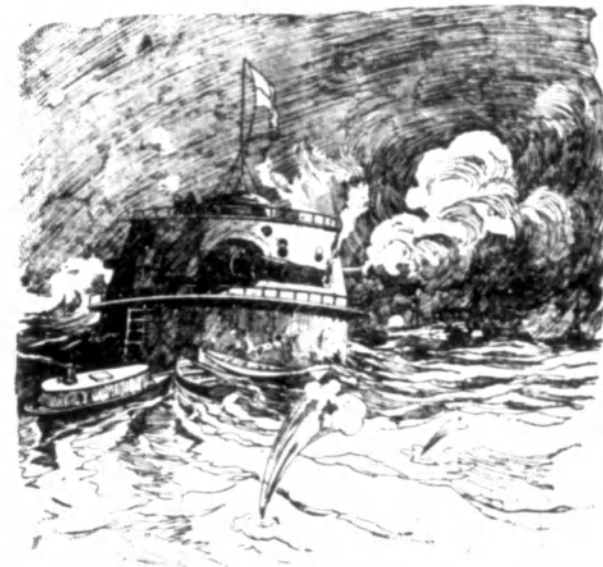
A number of the members are interested in organizing a "Cosmopolitan University Club." The Cosmopolitan University, situated at Irvington, N. Y., founded and recently endowed by the Cosmopolitan Magazine, has become so popular and is assuming such proportions that the number of its students will soon reach the thousands. Anyone may enter the university, and the correspondence course is entirely free. Three or four of the members have already applied for entrance and others are contemplating doing so. If a club is formed its object will be to meet at least once a week and discuss the course or courses being studied. Those who desire to investigate this matter may apply to the general secretary.

A new section of the Parmelee Library has just arrived and contains a special selection of books, both history and fiction.

More books were drawn from the library for home reading during March than any other month in the history of the library.

The most important to-be-event of this week is the lecture on Cuba Friday night in the association hall, Dr. Chas. N. Thomas has the reputation of being a most interesting speaker. He is an entertaining orator and the subject selected will bring out an eloquence that will be sitting to the core. Those who fail to hear him will miss the best thing of the season.

The hard and continuous rain Monday night did not have the effect of interfering with the regular meeting.



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Several of these revolving turrets, armed with mammoth guns, are to be placed upon Homer shoal, New York harbor, for the defense of the metropolis.

## MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Regular Monthly Session Held Last Night—Ellithorp's Expulsion Endorsed by the Board.

Principal E. A. Fox Resigns—Prof. C. B. Hatfield Elected to Succeed Him—Complete Proceedings of the Board.

The school board met in regular session last night, all the members being present.

The usual preliminary over, Supt. McBroom read his regular monthly report. Among other things he reported that for the month of March the twenty-three days the schools were in session, were very good ones, making an average attendance of 1,430 white and 428 colored, total 1,858. This is a little less than the month preceding, but when compared with March last year it shows an increase of 230 white, and 112 colored, total 342. The high water last year interfered quite a good deal, so the comparison is not exactly a correct one, but taking the seven months just closed they show an increase in the average attendance of 157 white and thirty-eight colored, total 175. The enrollment to date is 1,902 white and 422 colored, total 2,324. This is 210 more than the enrollment to this date last year, 190 more than for all the year.

He also reported the expulsion of Willie Ellithorp, who expelled Dan Miliken. The finance committee reported miscellaneous bills amounting to \$279.79 and regular pay roll amounting to \$2,889.65. Allowed.

Secretary Rose reported that he had secured a transfer of the contract from the Campbell-Mulvihill Coal company to the Paducah Mining and Coal company. Concurred.

Mr. Walton announced that the commencement exercises would have to be held the 14th and 14th of June. President Leake said that the whites and coloreds had their exercises at Morton's opera house.

Prof. Beaton, colored, said there would be several colored graduates and a place for commencement exercises was desired. The matter was left in charge of the proper committee.

The board endorsed Supt. McBroom's action in expelling Willie Ellithorp. Principal E. A. Fox reported that he would resign by May 1. His place was declared vacant by April 30. At present those who are ap-

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I believe there are socially three distinct classes of women—I will have to make four: There's the 'good fellow,' there's only a few of her, but—bless her!—she learns honor in its finest sense from men. Then there is the wife, the mother, the woman who is tenderly cared for and who never knows what buffeting might befall her. She keeps a tight rein and bears aloof from her sweet mother-face goes with all of us to the grave. I will place her and the 'good fellow' secretly away and say there two classes of women—the woman who wants to progress and be up-to-date in the advancement of women, and the woman who is content with a quiet grip on life and even to the flying of time with baby talk. The former class appears in clubs and general society their cowardice and lack of moral courage, their selfishness, their personal ambitions by their own would-be adroit wire-pulling and poshing. The latter class are clinging and non-complacent, and 'easy and pure,' and sweet, pretty, appealing and successful. With baby talk and tears they must have attention and love, and they get it. Selfishness is the rock that honor in a woman splits upon. She may be generous to an extreme, but if she wants anything very badly, she will perjure herself to get it. No one will ever get it that way. Honor in unknown quantity to her. If her pulse of inclination happens to quiver. The more I know of women in a general way the better I like men. And yet, in particular, I love them both dearly.—  
—Town Topics.

Capt. J. D. Hudgens, of Mayfield, has tendered his services to the government in case of war. Capt. Hudgens was formerly captain of the Mayfield company, K. S. G., and is well known in Paducah.

Here is a remarkable coincidence reported by Dexter Marshall, county clerk.

John Reid has at his house half mile south of Dexter, two miles north of Mayfield, and to call the climax. Mr. Reid presented him with two rousing fine boys on the 30th, last Wednesday. Both mother and child were as good as dead, and could be expected under the circumstances.

Yes, it is very consistent with Christian forbearance and charity, to

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600 people. In South America its helpfulness was relatively as great. Then, returning to Europe, it depopulated the Northland. A century ago, however, it began to retreat after its ill-fated voyage. The czarina is the first modern sovereign whom it has attacked. One may regret that it should have done so. This lady is one of the prettiest women in Europe. As a young girl she was regarded as the fairest of the princesses. As a princess she is undevoted. As czarina she sits on a seat so high that she overlooks two continents. In her domain the dominion of all the Russian glories. In her scepter she fatefully glows. As a sovereign her fate, she is not. One might have feared beyond all other women, to her law she is not even equal to protect her. Her sword is half-blind.

There is no power in the world. In the power of the world.

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**COLORED  
DEPARTMENT.**

We have said nothing about war, the possibilities or its outcome.

We have left the expression of opinions on the subject to those who are in positions to know and who know more about the matter than we.

We have left that the news as published from May to May was sufficient to be felt, farther that after becoming an American citizen the highest aspiration is to be intelligently patriotic.

MORE FOR MORE.

The tenth annual commencement of the Louisville National Medical college, colored, will be held here evening of the Old Fellows Hall, in that city. The following are the graduates:

J. T. Whittaker, Kentucky; M. R. H. Fitzhatter, Ontario; T. T. Lo-

**MUSICAL SOCIAL.**

PHILIP SUGA, the great musical director of the marine band, Washington, D. C., has given the marching band having public many pieces of music of his own production among which are "The Cleveland Two-Step," "The Washington Post March," and "The High School Cadets," but the biggest in the way of musical fantasy that this marching king has offered the public is "The Frooping of the Colors." Everywhere it is presented it has been received with the wildest enthusiasm as the patriotic air is played by the famous band.

He commenced its composition with the outbreak of the Cuban rebellion, nearly three years ago, and 't was last summer at Manhattan Beach that he produced the piece with unbounded enthusiasm.

The brass band season will soon be on. Then the empire's troubles begin. The champion season begins April 15th.

It is reported that a regiment of Luifans are forming in the wild and woolly West for duty under the Stars and Stripes, in the event of war with Spain. And it is well they may, for their existence is costing them nothing, but is costing the government a great deal more than that of any other race of people in this country—for the returns.

Three thousand colored men in South Carolina and one thousand in Kansas have volunteered their services in case of war, says the Associated Press.

The above statements are very significant in view of the actions of the constitutional convention of the first-named state, and the utterances somewhat ago from a certain Louisville pulpit.

Mr. Harvey Buford, who went to the country some time ago to live, on account of his failing health, was in the city for a short while yesterday, feeling much better.

**THE WORLD** will never forget the most tender and touching events which have transpired within its sacred precincts. The death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Each of these events was the flower and fruit of infinite prophecy. They represent the past, the present and the future.

For the last of the three events, namely, the resurrection, which took place on the third day after the death, and which is said to have occurred on the first Sunday after a full moon in April—the resurrection of the Savior.

The resurrection is the great triumph of Jesus Christ, the divinity of Christ is the greatest of Christianity. Destroy the Christ and you have "no Christ," you have but a man like Moses. A messenger of God—an adopted son of God.

Then it comes to the Christian heart as a storm of sunshine comes to us after dreary days of darkness and gloom. Easter is the feast of hope which tells men that death has not conquered us, that beyond the grave there is life, and from death comes a resurrection.


On Sept. 10 Baptist church will give an afternoon service, 2 o'clock, evening closing at 7 o'clock. The Hunt and Tom Taulau will sing.

Mr. Cota Bradshaw will be the organist, and the Robert Hyates, the organist. Alvin Goble, best man. Ellis Goble, man of honor and Lillian Goble, flower girl. The following are the bridesmaids: Marie, Lillian, Saleha Tally and Wile. Mitch Greenhouse, Henry Hyates, Lundy and Fendy Cole. Bonnie Dawson, preacher. Johnnie McCherson, Roscoe McCherson, best man. Marie, maid of honor. Admiration, bridesmaid. Flavia, bridesmaid.

Mr. Mole John on, who has been called to his room for the past few weeks, was able to be up and out today morning.

Mr. E. S. Doh, of 111 Panama street last Monday was

Al Reynolds, of 1115 South Park, died Sunday, aged 72, after a long illness. He was the son of Mrs. J. A. Reynolds of Mexico City, and was a resident of this city.



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at law. So we welcome Mr. Whitney among us and hope that he will prove a credit to himself and to his race.

The Young Men's P. E. Lodge, No. 1783 G. C. O. of O. E., will have a public installation of fellows Thursday evening at the Odd Fellows hall.

Each member of the Dramatic

Mr. M. Scott, who has been in the city for some time, visiting her cousin M. L. Duke son left today for her home, Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. Dickerson is on the sick list.

Mr. John Nichols was able to be out a short while yesterday.

In the spring the young man-fancy highly tunc to the music of love, says Tennessee. He said nothing about what the young ladies fancy in the spring time, but perhaps he was living now, among the many things mentioned would be hats or lace and gowns.

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